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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF SHEET METAL WORKERS,
GLAZIERS, AND SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
WORKERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 20-334a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (e) The following licenses for sheet metal work may be issued by the
4 department upon authorization of the examining board for heating,
5 piping, cooling and sheet metal work, under the provisions of section
6 20-333, in addition to any licenses or permits issued for such work
7 under subsection (a) of this section:

8 (1) Prior to July 1, [2000] 2002, a limited contractor's license for large
9 commercial sheet metal work may be issued to any person who has
10 worked as a sheet metal contractor or successfully worked in such
11 trade in the capacity of a journeyman sheet metal worker for not less
12 than two years.

13 (2) On or after July 1, [2000] 2002, a limited contractor's license for
14 large commercial sheet metal work may be issued to any person who
15 has (A) served as a journeyman in the trade for which such person
16 seeks a license for not less than two years, and (B) if such service as a
17 journeyman was outside this state, furnished evidence satisfactory to
18 the examining board for heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal work
19 that such service is comparable to similar service in this state.

20 (3) Prior to July 1, [2000] 2002, a limited journeyman's license for
21 large commercial sheet metal work may be issued to any person who
22 has (A) successfully completed a bona fide apprenticeship program,
23 including not less than four years of experience in the trade for which
24 such person seeks a license, or (B) demonstrated such person's
25 competency to perform such work by furnishing proof of continuous
26 employment in such trade for not less than eight thousand hours
27 within the previous five years, subject to the approval of the examining
28 board for heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal work.

29 (4) On or after July 1, [2000] 2002, a limited journeyman's license for
30 large commercial sheet metal work may be issued to any person who
31 has (A) successfully completed a bona fide apprenticeship program,
32 including not less than four years of experience in the trade for which
33 such person seeks a license, and (B) demonstrated such person's
34 competency to perform all services included in the trade for which a
35 license is sought by successfully completing the applicable state
36 licensure examination.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 20-334a of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

39 (f) On and after October 1, [2000] 2002, the following licenses for
40 automotive glass work and flat glass work may be issued by the
41 department upon authorization of the examining board for automotive
42 glass work and flat glass work, under the provisions of section 20-333:

43 (1) On and after October 1, [2000] 2002, but before October 1, [2001]
44 2003, an unlimited contractor's license for automotive glass work or
45 flat glass work may be issued to any person who has served as a
46 journeyman in the trade for which such person seeks a license for not
47 less than three years. On and after October 1, [2001] 2002, an unlimited
48 contractor's license for automotive glass work or flat glass work may
49 be issued to any person who (A) has served as a journeyman in the
50 trade for which such person seeks a license for not less than three years
51 and, if such service as a journeyman was outside this state, has
52 furnished evidence satisfactory to the examining board for automotive
53 glass work and flat glass work that such service is comparable to
54 similar service in this state, and (B) has furnished satisfactory evidence
55 of education and experience and has passed an examination which has
56 demonstrated that such person is competent in all aspects of such
57 trade to be an unlimited contractor for automotive glass work or flat
58 glass work.

59 (2) On and after October 1, [2000] 2002, but before October 1, [2001]
60 2003, an unlimited journeyman's license for automotive glass work or
61 flat glass work may be issued to any person who has served in the
62 trade for which such person seeks a license for not less than two years.
63 On and after October 1, [2001] 2002, an unlimited journeyman's license
64 for automotive glass work or flat glass work may be issued to any
65 person who has successfully completed a bona fide apprenticeship
66 program as required by the examining board for automotive glass
67 work and flat glass work, and has demonstrated such person's
68 competency to perform all services included in the trade for which a
69 license is sought by successfully completing the applicable state
70 licensure examination.

71 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 20-417aa of the general statutes is
72 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

73 (d) Any person engaged in swimming pool maintenance and repair

74 work prior to July 1, 1999, may apply to the Department of Consumer
75 Protection for the appropriate limited license and such license shall be
76 issued without examination upon demonstration by the applicant of
77 experience and training equivalent to the experience and training
78 required to qualify for examination for the appropriate limited license,
79 if such applicant makes such application to the department not later
80 than January 1, 2002.

81 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

GL *JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Department of Consumer Protection

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

The bill postpones or extends various Department of Consumer Protection deadlines for licensing certain sheet metal workers, glaziers, and swimming pool maintenance and repair workers. There is no fiscal impact because workers will continue to be licensed in the same manner they are currently licensed.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF SHEET METAL WORKERS, GLAZIERS, AND SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKERS.**SUMMARY:**

This bill postpones or extends various Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) deadlines for licensing certain sheet metal workers, automotive glass and flat glass workers (glaziers), and swimming pool maintenance and repair workers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

SHEET METAL WORKERS

The bill applies to limited contractor's licenses and limited journeyman's licenses for people engaged in large commercial sheet metal work upon authorization of the Heating, Cooling, Piping and Sheet Metal Work Board.

Limited Contractor's Licenses

The bill allows DCP to continue issuing limited contractor's licenses until July 1, 2002, instead of July 1, 2000, to anyone who has worked for at least two years as a sheet metal contractor or journeyman.

Starting on July 1, 2002, instead of July 1, 2000, all applicants for a license must have at least two years experience as a sheet metal journeyman. Anyone who did such work in another state must provide the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Board with evidence that the work was comparable to similar service in Connecticut.

Limited Journeyman's License

The bill allows DCP to continue issuing limited journeyman's licenses

until July 1, 2002, instead of July 1, 2000, to anyone who (1) successfully completed a bona fide apprenticeship program, including at least four years of work in the trade, or (2) furnishes proof of at least 8,000 hours of continuous employment in the trade within the previous five years, subject to the board's approval.

Starting July 1, 2002, instead of July 1, 2000, applicants must pass a licensing exam in addition to successfully completing the four year apprenticeship program.

SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKERS

The bill allows swimming pool maintenance and repair workers engaged in such work before July 1, 1999 to obtain a limited contractor's or journeyman's license without an examination if they apply by January 1, 2002. The applicant must demonstrate experience and training equivalent to that needed to qualify for the appropriate license. There is no application deadline under current law.

AUTO GLASS AND FLAT GLASS WORKERS

The bill postpones until October 1, 2002 DCP's authority to begin issuing various licenses upon authorization of the Examining Board for Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work.

Unlimited Contractor's License

The bill postpones for one year, from October 1, 2001 to October 1, 2002, the date on which DCP may begin issuing an unlimited contractor's license to anyone who has: (1) served as a journeyman in the trade for at least three years, (2) furnished the board with satisfactory evidence of education and experience, and (3) passed a competency examination. If the applicant has worked as a journeyman out of state, he must furnish evidence that his service was comparable to similar service in this state.

It also postpones the one-year period during which DCP may issue an unlimited contractor's license to anyone with at least three years experience in the trade as a journeyman. Under the bill, the one-year period runs from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, instead of

from October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.

Unlimited Journeyman's License

The bill postpones for one year, from October 1, 2001 to October 1, 2002, the date on which DCP may begin issuing an unlimited journeyman's license to anyone who completes a bona fide apprenticeship program as required by the board, and passed a licensing exam.

It also postpones the one-year period during which DCP may issue an unlimited journeyman's license to anyone with at least two years experience in the trade as a journeyman. Under the bill, the one-year period runs from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, instead of from October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0